

Black Rock Canyon Hiking Trails

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Eureka Peak Hike

(9.6 miles roundtrip) Leave from the backcountry registration board and hike along the California Riding and Hiking Trail. Head south on Fault Trail to the Eureka Peak Trail. Return via the Burnt Hill Trail. (moderately strenuous)

Burnt Hill Trail Hike

(7.3 miles roundtrip) Leave from the backcountry registration board and hike south on Black Rock Canyon Trail. Turn left at the Burnt Hill Trail sign. Return via Eureka Peak Trail, Fault Trail, and California Riding & Hiking Trail. Alternately, depart from site #30 via Black Rock Canyon Trail. (moderately strenuous)

Short Loop Hike

(3.9 miles roundtrip) Leave from the backcountry registration board and hike along the California Riding and Hiking Trail. Head south on the Fault Trail and join up with the Short Loop Trail. Short Loop connects to Black Rock Canyon Trail, which will lead you back to the backcountry registration board.

California Riding and Hiking Trail

(37 miles one-way) From the backcountry registration board, the trail runs across the park to Covington Flats, Ryan Campground, Twin Tanks backcountry board, and on to the entrance station at Twentynine Palms.

Trail Regulations

- Bicycles are not allowed on trails.
- Dogs are not allowed on trails or in the backcountry.
- Horses are not allowed on the Hi-View Nature Trail and may not travel crosscountry except in open active washes.

Trail Markers

- BH – Burnt Hill
- BR – Black Rock Canyon
- CRH – California Riding & Hiking
- EP – Eureka Peak
- FT – Fault Trail
- PL – Panorama Loop
- SL – Short Loop
- WP – Warren Peak
- WV – Warren View
- WS – West Side Loop



Panorama Loop Hike

(6.6 miles roundtrip) Leave from the backcountry registration board and hike south on Black Rock Canyon Trail. The first turn will take you up the steepest part of the loop. Alternately, begin at site #30 and follow the trail markers to Black Rock Canyon Trail. Turn right into the wash, heading south. (moderately strenuous)

Warren Peak and Warren View

(6.3 miles roundtrip) Leave from the backcountry registration board and hike south in Black Rock Canyon Trail. The trail will fork left to Warren View and right to Warren Peak. (moderately strenuous)

West Side Loop Hike

(5 miles roundtrip) Leave from the High View Nature Trail connector, west of the nature center between sites 20 and 21. At the junction follow signs for West Side Loop, or start from the High View Nature Trail parking area. (moderate)

Hi-View Nature Trail

(1.3 miles roundtrip) Take the road west from the entrance of the campground, past the horse camp and the water tank, to the parking area at the end of the road. (moderate)